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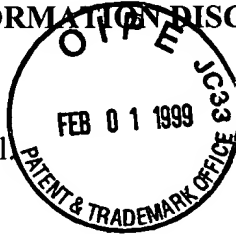
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicant(s): Sugiyama, et al

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Title: FLATTENING METHOD AND  
FLATTENING APPARATUS OF A  
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE



Docket No.: 30598.0004

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Examiner:

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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Respectfully submitted,

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